

not reach him in time to prevent the vessels
being sold; but I presume the President's de-
cision, if against the Captors, will still be
available to procure the restitution of the
property or its equivalent from those concerned
in the capture and sale - I have the Honour

Thos. J. Lee

Edward Thornton Esq
British Vice Consul &c

Amapolis October 18th 1793

Sir

111. I have the Honour to transmit you
herewith enclosed, the copy of a deposition for-
warded to me by the British Vice-Consul resid-
ing in Baltimore by which it becomes a duty
incumbent on me to require that on the receipt
of this letter you take into your possession, the
Brigantine Pilgrim which has been captured by
the Privateer "Sans Culottes de Marseilles" and
that you employ your authority to prevent
a transfer or any other act of proprietorship
by the Captors until the decision of the
President respecting the legality of her capture